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12.	Implementation of PCR Atrocities Act.	1980-81
13.	Aid to Vol. Organisations. for SCs	1979-80
14.	Research & Training for SCs.	1950-51
15.	Dr. Ambedkar Centenary.	1990-91
16.	Special Central Assistance for Tribal Sub-Plan.	1990-91
17.	Aid to Voluntary Organisations for STs.	1979-80
18.	Grant to aid to State Tribal Development Corp. for M.F.P. Operations.	1992-93
19.	Girls Hostels for STs.	1961-62
20.	Boys Hostels for STs.	1989-90
21.	Ashram schools in TSP Areas.	1990-91
22.	Vocational Training in Tribal Areas.	1992-93
23.	Educational Complex in Low literacy Pockets for the Development of ST Girls Literacy in Tribal Areas.	1993-94
24.	Research & Training :-	
(a)	Grants to Tribal Research institutes & Award to Research Fellowships.	1950-51
(b)	Supporting Projects of All India or Inter State Nature for STs.	1950-51
25.	Investment in TRIFED	1987-88
26.	Price Support to TRIFED	1987-88
27.	Grant-in-aid to TRIFED	1987-88
28.	Development of Oils & Oilseeds.	1987-88

Criteria for Sale of Wheat, Rice and Sugar to exporters

2433. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA :
SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI :

Will the Minsiter of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the criteria fixed by the Government for sale of wheat, rice and sugar to exporters;

(b) the number of applications received by the Government from the exporters for getting the above mentioned items for export during the last three years; and

(c) the details of the applications approved by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) :

Wheat and Rice :

(a) In order to reduce the surplus stocks during 1995-96, the Govt. authorised FCI to export/sell for export upto 30 lakh tonnes of Fine and Superfine rice and upto 25 lakh tonnes of wheat during 1995-96, subject to the condition that;

(i) Prices to be fixed for sale of wheat and rice should not be less than the prices fixed for domestic sale.

(ii) The High Level Committee (HLC) constituted by the Govt. under the chairmanship of Chairman, FCI shall deal with the various matters connected with the export from Public stocks including fixation of prices from time to time.

(b) and (c). 107 applications had been received during 1995-96 for purchase of rice out of which 72 got release of rice from FCI. Similarly, 101 applications were received for purchase for wheat, out of which 17 got releases of wheat from FCI.

The Scheme for sale for export of wheat and rice from the Public stocks was introduced in 1995-96. FCI sold/delivered a quantity of 14.82 lakh tonnes of Fine and Superfine rice and 0.81 lakh tonnes of wheat during 1995-96 to the Exporters.

Sugar :

(a) to (c). Export of sugar is undertaken through Notified Export Agencies under the provisions of Sugar Export Promotion Act, 1958(30) of 1958, and not by way of sale by the Government to Exporters. At present, Govt. has two notified export agencies viz. State Trading Corporation of India and M/s. Indian Sugar and General Industry Export Import Corporation Ltd. (ISGIEIC) As per the Administrative arrangement, M/s. ISGIEIC Ltd. handles commercial export of Sugar and export of Preferential quotas to EEC and USA; and, STC handles export of sugar to Nepal.

Government depending upon the production trends, requirement of sugar for internal consumption and surplus sugar available, notifies quantities of sugar to be exported from time to time through the export agency of M/s. ISGIEIC Ltd; and no other Agency, firm of individual is authorised to export sugar on its own.

[English]

Telephone Connections in Delhi

2434. SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applicants in Delhi and other metropolitan cities waiting for telephone connection as on 30th June, 1996;

(b) the time by which all these applicants likely to get connection;

(c) the steps taken to reduce the period between sanction and installation of phone;

(d) whether Government are aware of the delay by the telephone authorities in the shifting of phone from one place to another in Delhi; and

(e) if so, the steps taken to reduce the delay?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The number of applicants waiting for telephone connections as on 30.6.96 in the metropolitan cities are given below.

Delhi	-	51,165
Mumbai	-	41,682
Calcutta	-	68,116
Madras	-	87,733

(b) All these applicants are likely to get connections by 1997.

(c) The steps taken to reduce the period between sanction and installation of phone is given in the attached statement-I.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Steps taken to reduce the delay in the shifting of phone from one place to another in Delhi are given in the attached statement-II.

STATEMENT-I

Steps taken to reduce the period between sanctions and installation of phone.

* Decentralisation of commercial work.
* Simplification and streamlining of commercial procedures.
* Further Computerisation of commercial work.
* Prompt Issue and despatch of work orders (OBs) to field Units.
* Advance planning and construction of external plant based on waiting list and anticipated demand.
* Close monitoring of execution of work orders.

STATEMENT-II

Steps taken to reduce the delay in shifting of telephone from one place to another in Delhi.

* Decentralisation of commercial work pertaining to shift.
* Simplification and streamlining of commercial policies and procedures.
* Quick despatch of shift work orders (OBs) using Speedpost/Courier.
* Extensive use of FAX for Inter-office communication between various field units involved.
* Updation of records.
* Close monitoring of execution of work order.
* Expeditious action for laying of cables in technically nonfeasible areas to provide connection pertaining to shift cases.

Increase in Price of Post Card

2435. SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the price of post card for various TV competitions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b). In his Budget Speech, Finance Minister has proposed introduction of a new category of Post-card called Competition Post-card, to be used in response to competitions through television, Radio, Newspapers, magazines or other Media with a price of Rs.2/- each. The new service will become effective from a date to be notified by the Government after the Finance Bill is passed.

Kannada Programmes

2436. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the total time allotted to Kannada programme being shown every day on Bangalore Doordarshan;

(b) whether Doordarshan Channel 9 is an exclusive channel for Kannada programme;

(c) whether this cannel is accessible only to those who have cable facility; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to extend this channel to all the places in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Programmes in Kannada are telecast from Doordarshan Kendra, Bangalore for four hours daily except on Wednesday and Saturday when the duration of such telecasts is 3 hours 20 minutes and one hour respectively. Besides this, programmes of a duration of 7 hours and 30 minutes daily are also telecast on the Regional Language Satellite Channel (DD-9) in Kannada language.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). Whereas, Kannada programmes on Channel 9 (DD-9) are available throughout the country including Karnataka, via satellite, by using suitable dish antenna system, terrestrially the regional service programmes are relayed by various High Power and Low Power TV Transmitters function in the State which are linked to DDK, Bangalore via satellite.